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PENDER'S PARDON

The Mist has no criticism to make of Governor Olcott in granting John A. Pender, twice convicted of the foulest murder ever committed in Columbia county, a pardon unless that it be that the governor is guilty of procrastination, and being guilty of such procrastination, he did the convicted man a like injury as did the Columbia county jury which convicted him, for the governor says, "In fact, last November my mind had been made up that I would unconditionally pardon both John A. Pender and William Branstetter."

Another murder occurred just about that time and the "public mind" was highly influenced, therefore the governor thought best not to grant pardons to the men of whose innocence he was convinced.

The governor, therefore, waited until the inflammation of the public had subsided, and kept the two innocent men in the penitentiary another year, and when the inflammable public had become the credulous and sympathetic public, the governor "immediately following his return from Cannon Beach where he had been spending his vacation," granted unconditional pardons.

The statement the governor gives out would suggest to the mind of the skeptical, that the statement had been prepared before the governor left for his vacation, or during his absence, or possibly, the freedom of care and the pleasure of a vacation, at the seaside, made the governor remorseful for having kept in confinement an innocent man, and the Oregonian having prepared the minds of the public and turned their thoughts from just retribution to sympathy, gave the governor sufficient backbone to make his decision "immediately upon his return from Cannon Beach."

The governor quotes Judge Eakin's letter stating that "I have no wish to stand in the way of your taking any action in the Pender matter that may appear just and proper to you." Of course Judge Eakin wouldn't tell the governor what to do. The judge had presided at the trial, no exceptions were taken to his ruling. It wasn't up to him to say whether or no the defendant was guilty. That was the sworn duty of the jury, and when the jury brought in a verdict, it was the duty of the judge to pass sentence. He did that and the fact that Olcott dragged in the judge's name, makes it more apparent that he was grasping for support.

The governor said: "John Pender was arrested at a time when public sentiment in Columbia county was at white heat." The statement of the governor is true, but it does not necessarily follow that the same "white heat" was in evidence at the two trials of Pender, nor does it follow that the juries were swayed by the "white heat." The inference of the governor is unjust to Columbia county, but is in line with other inferences and misstatements that have been made as to the Pender case and the evidence. The "white heat" the governor says existed, had cooled off two years after the commission of the crime and the people of Columbia county only asked that justice be done. The governor claims that the first jury disagreed. This is not a fact, except it was a disagreement as to the degree of murder.

The governor does not say what new evidence has been introduced to convince him of the innocence of the accused and convicted man, but he does say that the late Governor Withycombe was convinced of the innocence of Pender. The Mist is not informed as to this fact, and little credence is placed in the governor's statement as to the late governor and it is pointed out that even though the late governor had been convinced of Pender's innocence, that no pardon was granted and that it is not fair to the late governor for Olcott to use his name in attempting to make an excuse for pardoning Pender. The act of pardoning was Olcott's, and Olcott should take the responsibility, so many who have been interviewed by the Mist say.

If Pender is innocent, we are glad he has been set free and we are also glad that Governor Olcott has, at last, shown some backbone, even though it required the services of the Oregonian in preparing the stage on which the governor could appear and receive the plaudits of thousands of misinformed people.

WHY HOARDING NOW?

"In spite of a world shortage of sugar and a decrease of 400,000,000 pounds in domestic production, there has been used or hoarded during the current year in the United States 15 per cent more sugar than in former years," states the Department of Agriculture, which goes on to suspect that both housewives and commercial concerns must be hoarding.

These great government departments deal in masses of course. Statistics are available to them that are not available to the average newspaper editor, but we are going to take the bull by the horns and assert that the Department of Agriculture is wrong when it includes housewives among the hoarders of sugar.

Certainly, of course, many a housewife has fifty pounds, or even a hundred pounds, laid away in the cupboard. But that's not hoarding. She accumulated that 100 pounds from fear—that when canning time arrived she couldn't get any sugar at all. Fear that, in a few months

perhaps, she couldn't supply her husband and children with a very great necessity—sugar.

Moreover, it was not uncommon for a woman to buy 100 pounds of sugar in the old days, or even a barrel. It was not hoarding then, when the big profiteers didn't have us throttled. Why is it hoarding now?

COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE SIGNED.

The Mist has received a communication relative to the Bachelor Flat school and the inadequate accommodations. The communication, while containing much reasonable and reasonable thought, was not signed, therefore, the Mist, adhering to its policy of not publishing a communication unless the writer has signed his name to the communication, will not publish the letter.

The Mist is willing and glad to publish letters of this kind when the author's name is attached, but it WILL NOT PUBLISH AN ANONYMOUS COMMUNICATION.

For the —th time we wish to repeat this statement and emphasize it. In publishing statements or letters of this kind, it is not our intention to publish the name of the author, but when an article goes into the Mist's columns, we want to know who wrote it. Sign your name to your communication if you want it published.

DESERVING OF OUR SUPPORT

The annual county fair which is to be held on the 22, 23 and 24th of this month promises to be a real success. President Fullerton, Secretary Wilkerson and other members of the fair board have worked hard to make a success of the fair. Good exhibits are assured, an entertaining program has been arranged and all that is necessary to insure the success of the fair is the support of the people of Columbia county. The fair belongs to them. It is a county institution intended to show to an advantage the resources of the county and to entertain and educate the people of the county. Those residents of the county who have pride in the county, will support the fair by attending it, taking part in it and doing their utmost to make a success of it, their own fair.

Mrs. George H. Shinn wondered why the county court spends money in telling property owners to destroy Canada thistles and then allows said thistles to grow along and beautify (?) the highways in the county. Between Scappoose and the Multnomah county line along the highway, the thistles flourish.

The Democratic national committee claims to be poor, but with Barney Baruch beating the bushes on the outside there will probably be money enough for all "legitimate" purposes, even if the committee's reports do not show its receipt or expenditure.

The Mist is not convinced that the new regulations as to delivery of mail at the local postoffice will work out to the best advantage of the public. However, we are willing to wait and see how it works out before offering any criticism.

Evidently Governor Cox thinks if he can turn the campaign into a contest in personal vituperation he can make the people forget the record of his party and the issues of the campaign.

Frank Beagle of West St. Helens, when renewing his subscription to the Mist this week, said, "I have been taking the Mist for close to 30 years and it is better now than ever." Thanks.

Since Candidate Cox's claims and proofs have been compared it becomes evident that he is going to kv rattling down the ages as the Doc Cook of American politics.

SUMMONS

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County.

Jerry O'Connell, Plaintiff, vs. Sarah L. O'Connell, Defendant.

To Sarah L. O'Connell, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 1st day of November, 1920, that being six weeks after date of first publication of summons herein, and answer the complaint herein, and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in his complaint, to-wit: for a decree dissolving the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant on the ground of abandonment for more than one year.

This summons is served upon you by order of J. A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court, dated September 14, 1920, requiring the same to be published once a week for six successive weeks in the St. Helens Mist; and the date of the first publication prescribed thereby is Sept. 17, 1920 and of last publication Oct. 29, 1920.

J. N. PEARMAN,
Attorney for Plaintiff. Postoffice address, 926 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oregon.

Early Picked Pears Inferior

Early picked pears are decidedly inferior in quality to those harvested later, says the O. A. C. Experiment station. Pears picked from the middle to the end of the season likewise keep slightly longer in cold storage than the early picked fruit. Growers can get the pear harvesting and storage bulletin by writing to the college at Corvallis.

Used Cars

1. Baby Grand Chevrolet Touring. In fine shape. Cheap. Easy terms. 1. Reo 4 Cyl. 5 passenger. In fine shape. A snap. Easy terms. For quick sale—1 new tractor, 16 h. p. Complete. Easy terms. 1. 1917 490 Chevrolet. Fine shape. Easy terms. Copeland Auto Co.

Charter No. 11200

Report of Condition of

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

at St. Helens, in the State of Oregon, at the close of business on Sept. 8th, 1920.

RESOURCES

1. a. Loans and discounts, including rediscounts except those shown in b and c).....	\$ 72,109.20	\$ 72,109.20
Total loans.....	72,109.20	72,109.20
2. Overdrafts, secured, none; unsecured, \$2,827.24.....	2,827.24	
3. U. S. Government securities owned:		
a. Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value).....	25,000.00	
d. Pledged as collateral for State or other deposits or bills payable.....	17,000.00	
f. Owned and unpledged.....	49,607.83	91,607.83
4. Other bonds, securities, etc.:		
b. Bonds (other than U. S. bonds pledged) to secure postal savings deposits.....	6,000.00	
c. Bonds and securities (other than U. S. securities) pledged as collateral for State or other deposits (postal excluded) or bills payable.....	1,000.00	
e. Securities, other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks), owned and unpledged.....	5,219.76	
Total bonds, securities, etc., other than U. S.	12,219.76	
5. Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription).....	850.00	
6. Furniture and fixtures.....	5,453.81	
7. Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank.....	15,630.79	
8. Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks.....	18,552.53	
9. Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (other than item 16).....	317.83	
Total of items 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.....	18,870.36	
10. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer.....	1,250.00	
11. Interest earned but not collected—approximately—on Notes and Bills Receivable not past due.....	900.00	
Total.....	\$221,718.99	

LIABILITIES

12. Capital stock paid in.....	25,000.00	
13. Surplus fund.....	500.00	
14. a. Undivided profits.....	3,218.34	
b. Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid.....	1,865.34	1,353.00
15. Interest and discount collected or credited in advance of maturity and not earned—(approximately).....	100.00	
16. Circulating notes outstanding.....	24,600.00	
17. Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding.....	50.00	
Total of items 29, 30, 31, 32, and 33 Demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve (deposits payable within thirty days):.....	60.00	
18. Individual deposits subject to check.....	86,468.33	
19. State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank.....	19,252.09	
20. Deposits requiring notice, but less than 30 days.....	62,725.87	
Total of demand deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to Reserve, items 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, and 39.....	168,446.29	
21. Time deposits subject to Reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice, and postal savings):.....		
40. Certificates of deposit (other than for money borrowed).....	700.00	
41. Postal savings deposits.....	969.70	
Total of time deposits subject to Reserve, items 40, 41, 42, and 43.....	1,669.70	
Total.....	\$221,718.99	

State of Oregon, County of Columbia, ss:

I, H. A. Childs, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

H. A. CHILDS, Cashier

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of September, 1920.

JOHN L. STORLA, Notary Public

My commission expires Feb. 10, 1923

CORRECT—Attest:

CHARLES GRAHAM,

J. W. DAY,

SHERMAN M. MILES, Directors

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President

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Cashier

Columbia County Bank

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3 cans P. S. Pork and Beans, medium.....	55c
3 cans P. S. Pork and Beans, large.....	70c
3 packages Kinkadee Corn Flakes.....	40c
3 packages Kellogg's Corn Flakes.....	50c
3 packages Aunt Jemima's P. C. Flour.....	70c
3 packages Shredded Wheat.....	50c
3 cans Standard Corn.....	56c
3 cans Standard Early June Peas.....	50c
3 cans 1-lb. Pink Salmon, tall cans.....	70c

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